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TEN CENTS A WEEK

DEATH BY FIRE COMES TO THREE

**Men Lose Lives While Locked
In Eastman Jail.**

LOCKED UP FOR BEING DRUNK

**Nothing More than a Mass of Bones
Was Found at the Scene of the Fire
When the Flames Were Finally Sub-
dued.**

Eastman, Ga., Feb. 12.—The town jail has been burned, together with three inmates, D. A. Cooper, Elbert Mullis and John Hart.

These men were locked up on account of being intoxicated on the streets.

It was discovered that the jail was in a blaze and before an entrance could be gained the men named had been burned to death, and when taken out were practically nothing more than a mass of bones.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Mullis were each about 50 years of age, and among the most highly esteemed and prominently connected men in the county, having only the unfortunate habit of occasionally getting intoxicated.

The other man was somewhat younger, but is said to have been an extremely good citizen.

All three men have large immediate families.

GORDON BATES IS IDENTIFIED.

**Miss Dawson Says He Is Assailant.
Sheriff Says Not.**

Canton, Ga., Feb. 12.—Gordon Bates, the negro put in jail here as the negro attempting the assault on Miss Nancy Dawson, in the edge of town last Monday, was identified by Miss Dawson as her assailant. The Sheriff of Milton county, however, in a telephone message to your correspondent corroborates the negro's story that he was at his (the sheriff's) house and in that neighborhood on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday last.

In consequence of this conflict in the identification by the young woman and Sheriff Austin, there is considerable doubt as to whether or not the right negro has yet been apprehended.

A committal trial will be held when the Milton county witnesses and Miss Dawson will come face to face with the same negro and endeavor to reconcile their differences.

There is yet considerable feeling and the least positive clue to the negro's guilt would incite violence, but every precaution possible is being taken to guard against any sort of trouble or hasty, ill-advised action.

Robbers Kill Italian.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 12.—Two unknown young men who boarded a Boston and Maine express train at Dover, shot and mortally wounded an unknown Italian as he was starting to leave the train at Rockingham Junction. The conductor of the train had attempted to arrest the men, having been notified by the Dover police they had robbed the Luddy & Cutler shoe factory at Dover and they were on the train. At the same moment the Italian started to leave the car and one of the alleged robbers fired five revolver shots at him, all of which took effect. The Italian died shortly afterwards. In the confusion which followed the shooting the two suspects jumped from the car and disappeared in the woods.

As He Had Foretold.

Gainesville, Feb. 12.—Jesse Ward, a wealthy farmer, died on his birthday, according to a prophecy he had made several years ago. He lived in the same home in which he was born. He was formerly prominent in local politics.

For a Heinous Crime.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Feb. 12.—Jesse Ward, charged with a heinous crime, Anna Ward, has been convicted. The ward Ward, who was arrested in Cincinnati, is now undergoing a sentence in the reformatory for having assaulted the same girl.

PEOPLE'S ANGER AT WHITE HEAT

**No Relaxation in Search for Slayers
of the Christmas Family.**

Dothan, Ala., Feb. 12.—There is but little change in the situation at Cottonwood, where search is being made for the murderers of J. M. Christmas, his wife and child.

Sheriff Crawford, of Houston county, has left here for the scene of the tragedy, but has not yet returned, and efforts to elicit information by means of the long distance phone have produced nothing tangible. Parties from the Cottonwood neighborhood who came to Dothan said that several persons had been arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the crime, but that the evidence against them was so inconclusive that they had been almost immediately released.

There was a persistent rumor here that a son of the murdered man had been arrested, but this report could not be positively confirmed.

It is said now that some other motive than robbery was responsible for the murder, as nothing of value and no money had been taken from the house, a safe in the hallway was not touched, and neither was several dollars, which were in the room where the three murdered persons were sleeping.

Anger in the neighborhood is at a white heat, and no stone is being left unturned that might aid in the work of detection.

WANDERED AWAY UNDER SPELL

**A. H. Gregory. Returns Home and Re-
lates Strange Story.**

Albany, Ga., Feb. 12.—A. H. Gregory, a young man well known in the city, who disappeared from his home on Monday and of whom no trace could be found by his wife or friends, has returned home.

Gregory states that he wandered away under the influence of some strange spell from which he was unable to free himself. He left his home on Monday morning intending to go to his work, but instead walked down to the river. Thence he wandered to the woods. During the four days of his absence, he walked nearly to Dawson, he states, and was almost continually in the woods. He resolved repeatedly to return to his home, but the strange influence which held him would assert itself, and it was not until Friday that he was able to get back to the city.

There appears no reason why Gregory should have left, and his friends do not doubt his story. He was wet to the skin when he appeared at his home.

Stallings Cleared of Murder.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 12.—At the town of Greenville, Ala., the jury in the case of Dan Stallings, charged with the murder of Radford Buckhaugh, after being out since Tuesday night, have returned a verdict of not guilty. Stallings and Buckhaugh were brothers-in-law, and the latter was killed and the former desperately wounded in a pistol duel in the streets of Greenville. Buckhaugh and Stallings are members of the most prominent families of Butler county.

Nick Longworth Sick.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Representative Longworth of Ohio, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the taking place one week from Saturday is ill at the home of his mother in this city. Mrs. Longworth states, however, that the illness is not serious, and that there is no reason for concern, and that she expected her son would be well enough to come down stairs by Sunday.

Reward for Murderer.

Savannah, Feb. 12.—Governor McRae has offered a reward of \$25,000 for the apprehension of the murderer of the late Governor H. H. McRae, who was found in the city of Savannah, Ga., a few days ago.

Appeal for More Attraction.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The United States Senate has passed a bill for the purpose of increasing the number of members of the Senate.

4 MEN DROPPED BY BULLETS IN DUEL

**Caused By Pointics In City Of
Savannah.**

OVER FORTY SHOTS WERE FIRED

**Duel Was Result of Animosity Be-
tween Rival Factions in City Poli-
tics—"Snatcher" Dyer and Detec-
tive Hewlett Arrested.**

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 12.—In a pistol fight of political partisans in front of the city hall, Babe Dyer was killed, Frank Nagle, a bystander, was shot through the eye and is in a critical condition, with a bullet in his brain, it is thought, Pat Kearney, a policeman, off duty, was shot through the neck, and C. H. (Sap) Dyer was shot twice through the legs.

Under arrest at the barracks are "Snatcher" Dyer and Thomas Hewlett, a private detective.

The parties known to be concerned in the fight besides those under arrest or wounded are Harbor Master James McBride, Plumbing Inspector Richard McKenna, Tim McBride, a clerk in the harbor master's office, and James Lane, keeper of the police stables.

City Politics the Cause.

Earlier than in years before a heated local political campaign has been inaugurated in Savannah. So violent already had the differences between the Citizen's club faction and the opposing People's League faction become that predictions of serious trouble had been freely made, and the shooting was no surprise. Though the election is yet months off, feeling had reached a fever heat among those most actively concerned.

There was a fight between the two Dyers and John Munroe, driver of a police patrol wagon, and at times a wholesale shooting affray was threatened. Several revolvers were presented during that affair and it was believed that the bloodshed that had been averted was sure to follow in time. An altercation at the court house, where the registration for the election is taking place, resulted in a fight in which "Babe" Dyer was beaten with a billy by Inspector McKenna, one of the city employees, who has been hanging about the pools to watch the progress of the registration. The two Dyers had determined upon vengeance. They knew that McKenna was expected at the city exchange for the afternoon's work and lay in wait for him. When he got off the car and was about to enter the building, the Dyers attacked him, and it was then that Kearney went to McKenna's aid and that the shooting began.

Italian Murderer Hanged.

Hackensack, N. J., Feb. 12.—Jerry Rossa, an Italian, was hanged here Saturday for the murder of another Italian which was committed two years ago. Rossa was recently reprieved and no date since being set for the execution of the death sentence until Friday, when Governor Stokes directed that he should pay the penalty on Saturday. The gallows then was hurried to the jail on a sleigh and the workmen were busy until late Friday night in putting it in position. Deputies and witnesses had to be notified by telegraph in order that they might be here in time for the execution.

Asked Woman for a "Chew."

Boonville, Ind., Feb. 12.—"I want a piece of tobacco of the kind you chew," said Thomas Corbett, a farmer, to Miss Grace Lacy, clerk in a Boonville store. Grabbing up a coal shovel she belabored Corbett with so much vigor that he was knocked completely off his feet.

Want Negro University.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 12.—A special in the News from Shelby county, Tenn., says that the negro Baptists of that place will apply for a charter for a Baptist university to be located there. They expect financial aid from the north.

SAYS WRAY DID THE KILLING.

**Marie Martin Tells Story of Freeman's
Death.**

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 12.—Marie Martin, the woman at whose house Geo. Freeman was shot and killed last Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, has made a confession to County Solicitor H. P. Helfin, in which she states that Dick Wray, a saloon keeper, did the shooting, and the shooting was the result of jealousy.

As a result of the confession, charges of murder in the first degree have been made against Dick Wray, Marie Martin, Irma Henderson, Harry Matthews, catcher of the Birmingham baseball team, and Charles Lansdowne, of Nashville.

According to the Martin woman, no one was notified of the alleged murder until half an hour after it occurred. After Freeman was shot his coat was put on him, and that accounts for the fact that there was no bullet hole in the coat, although there was one through all the remainder of his clothing.

The woman told the solicitor that she and all the rest of the people in the room had sworn falsely before the coroner's jury at the inquest. All of the five witnesses of the crime stated that they did not see the shot fired; that they did not know who fired it; and that they thought Freeman committed suicide.

"JACK THE STABBER."

**Man Arrested in St. Louis Believed to
Be Party Wanted.**

St. Louis, Feb. 12.—John Brady, 22 years old, a waiter out of employment, was arrested Saturday morning on suspicion of being the young man known as "Jack the Stabber," who stabbed a number of women on the streets during the past three weeks.

After being questioned the police state that Brady confessed that he had done the stabbing, and was the person for whom the police have been searching.

Brady was arrested early Saturday in a resort where he had a previous visit and boasted that he was "Jack the Stabber." When he called early today the police were secretly notified, and he was taken into custody. At first he denied all knowledge of "Jack the Stabber," but on being confronted by several men who had held "Jack the Stabber" and released him on the street one night and positively identified Brady, it is stated, confessed.

What his motive was in stabbing women indiscriminately has not been told by him.

His parents live in the city. He has three brothers and three sisters.

Will Fight the Tick.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 12.—The agricultural commissioners of the different states interested in the situation will attend a conference on the cattle tick or Texas fever conditions, which will meet in Washington next Wednesday. Veterinary surgeons, officials of the United States department of agriculture and directors of experiment stations will also be in attendance. The discussion of the best measures for eradicating the epidemic will be taken up at the meeting. State Commissioner of Agriculture T. G. Hudson will be present at the conference, leaving Atlanta Monday.

Woman Killed by Train.

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Tysart, wife of N. B. Tysart, telegraph operator at Sprigg Station, on the Norfolk and Western railroad, was run over by a freight train and both her lower limbs and arms were severed. Her husband was sitting at his desk when the accident occurred and witnessed the awful incident. The woman lived several hours after the accident. She was 19 years old and had been married less than a year.

Mrs. Taggart in Europe.

Woonsocket, R. I., Feb. 12.—Judge M. L. Smyser, chief counsel for Mrs. Taggart, now admits that Mrs. Taggart and her sons are in Europe. The hearing as to the custody of the boys will, however, come up in circuit court next week, just as though Mrs. Taggart and the boys were here, the attorney says.

MUTILATED CURPSE TO PROVE OWN DEATH

**Insurance Companies Paid Pol-
icies on Life.**

FAKIR IS NOW CONFINED IN CELL

**Deception Was Not Discovered Until
His Insurance Policies on His Life
Had Been Paid by Several Fraternal
Insurance Societies.**

Victor, Col., Feb. 12.—J. J. McEachern, whose death was reported on Jan. 22 and life insurance policies paid, was arrested at the home of his sister here last night by city marshal, Mr. Naylor, after a fight in which McEachern was wounded by a bullet.

McEachern was reported to have been killed by the accidental discharge of giant powder, but investigation of fraternal societies in which he was insured, disclosed that the body of Robert Speed, who was killed two days previously in a mine, had been unearthed, taken to the tunnel in which McEachern was working and blown to pieces with giant powder.

The authorities were informed that McEachern was the victim of the discharge and an old line life insurance company paid a policy on his life.

A deeper investigation by fraternal societies resulted in finding McEachern alive, and his arrest followed.

Jack Cowley, who worked with McEachern, was also placed in jail.

The treatment of the body of Robert Speed greatly incensed his friends, and a lynching was threatened.

In order to better protect McEachern, he has been removed to the county jail at Cripple Creek, and a heavy guard placed around the prison.

Refuse to Pay Taxes.

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Feb. 12.—A punitive expedition of 400 carabineers with artillery have left here for the scene of the troubles in Richmond district, caused by the natives refusing to pay the poll tax. Another detachment of 220 men will start later. The ring leaders of the turbulent faction have disappeared in the bush. The chief of the tribe, who is now here, describes the malcontent as being the "troublesome Christianized section of the tribe." There are said to be converts to the Ethiopian church whose banners are inscribed with the words, "Africa for the Africans."

Received Whipping Weekly.

Toledo, O., Feb. 12.—Once regularly every week for 15 long years Christina Lanskier was treated to a severe beating by her husband, so she alleges to the court. This means that during the time she lived with her husband she was thrashed about 800 times, according to her allegations. She says that he finally grew tired of beating her and that he left her four years ago. She made no complaint about the beating, but she thought that when her husband deserted her after she had submitted to the lashings, she was entitled to a divorce. The court, however, withheld a decision.

Tramping From Texas.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 12.—William F. Krause, after walking from Detroit to Los Angeles and back once, then back to Los Angeles again, is here, enroute back east, to visit his motherless children in St. Joseph's orphanage in Cincinnati. He is a consumptive, and when his wife died, five years ago, he was expected to follow at once, but he began tramping it and is now almost well.

Killed His Antagonist.

Fronton, O., Feb. 12.—Andrew Dyer, aged 50, was killed by Robert Copley during a quarrel. Copley hit Dyer twice with his fist on the jaw and neck, killing him almost instantly. Copley has been arrested.

Nobleman Is Killed.

Stonewall, O., Feb. 12.—H. Scherbach, said to be an Austrian nobleman who owned a fortune in western mines, was killed by an eastbound fast train on the Wabash railroad. He was returning to his native country.